

1999 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 60

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1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to use a majority of the budget surplus to
2 strengthen social security.

3 Whereas, social security provides American workers with universal,
4 contributory, wage-related, inflation-proof benefits in the event of the retirement,
5 disability or death of a primary wage earner; and

6 Whereas, social security is more than a retirement program — it is a family
7 program. Without social security, about 54% of America’s seniors and more than
8 15,000,000 beneficiaries overall would be living in poverty. About 98% of children
9 under age 18 can count on monthly cash benefits if a working parent dies; and

10 Whereas, over the course of its existence as a federal program, social security’s
11 trustees and administrators have carefully modified the benefit and financing
12 structure, thereby ensuring the program’s viability in light of major demographic
13 trends and economic developments; and

